



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Serial No. 09/678,318 (TI-25833.1)

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For: OPTIMIZED CIRCUIT DESIGN LAYOUT FOR HIGH  
PERFORMANCE BALL GRID ARRAY PACKAGES

Art Unit 2815

Examiner P. Brock, II

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

**DECLARATION OF JAY M. CANTOR**

Jay M. Cantor declares as follows:

1. That he is a registered patent attorney, Reg. No. 19,906.
2. That he prepared the subject application which was originally filed as the Provisional application from which priority is claimed in the parent of the subject application and in the subject application.
3. That the invention disclosure (Exhibit 1) was received in the Patent Department of Texas Instruments Incorporated prior to December 19, 1997.
4. That the question of public use or sale was resolved in favor of non public use or sale prior to December 19, 1997 (Exhibit 2).

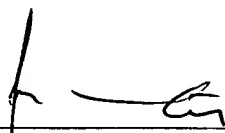
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5. That he commenced preparation of a first draft of the provisional application prior to December 19, 1997 and completed and sent the first draft for review by applicants herein prior to December 19, 1997 (Exhibit 3).

6. That the provisional application was filed after two further revised drafts were prepared and the latter approved by the inventors.

I declare under penalty of perjury that, on information and belief, the above statements are true and correct.

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Jay M. Cantor